

Pearl Jam ticket sale on June 6 not expected to last long

TICKET INFORMATION

WHAT: Pearl Jam
WHERE: Bi-Lo Center
WHEN: Sept. 4 at 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$24 plus service charges. (There is a \$3 per ticket service charge at ETM machines; the fee is \$4 per ticket for phone and Internet ticket sales, plus a \$1.50 charge per order for mailing.)
WHERE TO GET THEM: Tickets will be sold to credit-card holders at Bi-Lo stores that have ETM automated kiosks beginning at 9 a.m. June 6. Cash orders will be taken only at Greenville Municipal Stadium (where credit cards also will be accepted). Lotteries will determine the order of ticket purchasers at each location.
TO CHARGE BY PHONE: Call (888) ETM-TIXS.
TO CHARGE BY INTERNET: Go to www.etm.com.

Grunge rock greats will be second show at new Bi-Lo Center

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The wait is over.

Eager fans who have made ticket inquiries from as far away as New Jersey can get ready to Jam.

P-Day is June 6.

That's when tickets go on sale to see Pearl Jam, the grungy megaband that will perform Sept. 4 at Greenville's Bi-Lo Center. Long-time Seattle buddies Mudhoney will open the 8 p.m. show at the center, which is scheduled to open at the beginning of September.

OTHER ETM SALES

June 8: Tickets will go on sale for the "Champions on Ice," which will take place Feb. 5, 1999, at the Bi-Lo Center. The event tentatively will feature Olympic medalists such as Tara Lipinski. Tickets are \$46, \$36 and \$26.

June 15: Tickets will go on sale to see the NHL pre-season match-up between the Boston Bruins and Florida Panthers on Sept. 26 at the Bi-Lo Center. Tickets are \$44, \$36, \$30, \$22 and \$16.

Tickets, priced at \$24 plus service charges, go on sale at 9 a.m. June 6 at ETM locations in selected Bi-Lo stores and at Greenville Municipal Stadium. The ticket price is the same for the general admission

floor area, where there will be no seats, and for reserved seats around the sides of the arena.

The approximately 14,000 tickets are expected to sell out quickly.

Exactly how fast? The group's 1996 performance in Charlotte Memorial Stadium, which seats 30,000, sold out in 22 minutes.

"We're getting calls from all over the country," says Ed Rubinstein, executive director of the Bi-Lo Center. The group's show here will be its only performance in the Carolinas.

In fact, demand from the region is expected to be so great that cash outlets at Charlotte Memorial Stadium and Columbia's Township Auditorium will sell tickets to those who can't use a credit card via phone or the Internet.

Fans who plan to buy tickets at Bi-Lo stores and Greenville Municipal Stadium can expect a lottery to determine who will purchase tickets first. Camping out won't help your chances.

Beginning at 8 a.m., "greeters" at each of the 28 Bi-Lo stores in the Upstate equipped with ETM machines will hand out numbers to people standing in line. At 8:50 a.m., a drawing will determine where the line will start.

Fans may get tickets faster, and thus get better seats, by using their credit cards on the Internet at www.etm.com. Another option is the company's toll-free number, 1-888-ETM-TIXS. Both options allow buyers to pick up their tickets at ETM machines before the show, instead of waiting in lengthy will-call lines.